

High Holidays 5758

All High Holiday services, except second-day Rosh Hashanah, will be held at the Unitarian Center, 1187 Franklin Street. Second-day Rosh Hashanah services will be held at Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers Street.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 1

Ma'ariv 7:30 pm

Junior Congregation 7:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, October 2

Shacharit 9:30 am

Preschool Service 10 am

Junior Congregation 10:45 am

Junior Chug (Celebration)

11:45 am

Friday, October 3

Shacharit 9:30 am

Annual Cemetery Visit

Sunday, October 5

Hills of Eternity, Colma, 10 am

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 10

Ma'ariv 7:30 pm

Junior Congregation 7:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 11

Shacharit 9:30 am

Preschool Service 10 am

Junior Congregation 10:45 am

Junior Chug (Celebration)

11:45 am

Mincha 3:30 pm

Reading of the Names 4:30 pm

Yizkor 5:45 pm

Neilah 6:30 pm

Main sanctuary doors open at 6:30 pm for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre.

Ticket Policy

Tickets will be mailed this month to members in good standing. "Good standing" means you have paid your entire 1996-97 dues and 1997 Building Assessment and the first installment of your 1997-98 dues or have made arrangements with the Dues Committee. Order forms for guest tickets were mailed out in August. If available, tickets for guests of members cost \$54 for

Rosh Hashanah and \$54 for Yom Kippur. Guests of members are seated in the main sanctuary.

Tickets are required for all seats at all services. There are separate passes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. These will not be collected by the ushers, but must be shown for admission to all services, both evening and daytime.

It has always been CSZ's policy to make seating available to nonmembers at the High Holidays. Nonmembers will be accommodated in the additional seating areas outside the main sanctuary. Tickets for the additional seating areas are available from the office at \$18 for Rosh Hashanah and \$18 for Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur Tikkunim

There will be tikkunim (discussion groups) on Yom Kippur day from 1:15 to 2:45 pm. Tentatively, the topics and leaders are as follows.

- *Niggun (Chanting):*

Jos Ceapach Choinn, Bon

Brown, Jonathan Pannor and/

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Adult Education

High Holiday Preparations With Rabbi Litman

On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed ...

Our tradition tells us that each year of our lives is an open book. During the High Holy Days, we take time to focus on how we want to fill its pages in the year to come. The prayer book suggests that three Jewish values—t'shuvah, t'fillah, tzedakah—will sustain us as we meditate on our personal goals and on the uncertainties of our future. Learn the centuries-old Jewish ethical wisdom about the power of active acceptance, communal and personal prayer and social equity to sustain our lives by joining Rabbi Litman for three sessions of spiritual preparation on Tuesdays, September 9, 16 and 23, from 8-9:30 pm at the synagogue. Pre-registration is required. Call the synagogue office to register.

These study sessions with Rabbi Lit-

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Signing the documents for selling 220 Danvers Street and buying 290 Dolores Street, June 20, 1997. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

The Advance: Many Steps Forward

As is our Sha'ar Zahav tradition, the first weekend of August was the annual leadership planning event. Called the Advance, in honor of our progressive nature, it is held at a mountain top retreat near the Russian river. No decisions are made, no directions determined and no policies made. The Advance is intended as a place where those active in our community can discuss, consider and debate current concerns.



Diana Buchbinder

This event is not all fun and games. You may have heard about the swimming, the annual water ballet, the midnight singing and the outdoor hot tub, but what you do not hear so much about is the amount of work that makes the Advance a success. Public thanks are due to this year's committee: Claire Rappoport, Susan Tubbesing and Jeff Forman; the Ritual committee; the office staff and all others, too numerous to mention, who made the weekend a success. As has been the case for the last many years, the final meeting of the Advance Planning Committee was with our long-time facilitator, Susan Colson.

This year's advance was extraordinary. It was, in all ways, an example of what makes our community unique. To begin with, the number of attendees was the highest in recent years and exceeded the capacity of Wildwood, our location. This signals a positive enthusiasm for the projects and adventures we are about to embark upon. Those present represented the diversity of our membership in all its varied combinations. And still, we were there for a common purpose and because we have a common bond. We were even fortunate enough to have Rabbi Litman with us for some of the time, as she completes her life transition from Southern to Northern California.

Our topic was diversity, centered on the changes we are facing in the coming year with a new rabbi and a new building. Susan Colson was to lead us in these discussions. Unfortunately, she became ill the day the Advance began, and was not able to attend. I am grateful that I

did not receive this news until I reached Wildwood, because it was only then that I learned that the task of facilitating the weekend would be left to the planning committee. Jeff Forman took on the challenge of facilitating the advance with a grace and wit befitting the very best cruise activities director. He, Susan Tubbesing and I worked more, and participated less, than we had planned, yet we accomplished our goals.

Independent of the content, which provided valuable insight and guidance, the weekend proved beyond any question the ability of our community to rise to a challenge. At the start of the weekend, our immediate past president, David Stein, made a joke about a congregation being made up of one rabbi and 500 presidents. At this Advance there was one rabbi and 50+ facilitators. Each participant took the personal responsibility to make sure the weekend was a success. We worked together to begin and end on time (almost), to stay focused, to treat each other with respect and honesty (even when we disagreed) and to move towards our goals. Everyone who was there should feel very proud of what we accomplished. While we did not always agree, we proved that we can put our basic values into action, while discussing issues which were personal and emotional.

Finally, during the weeks before the advance, the issue of diversity had been surfacing in discussions about how we represent ourselves in our membership application and on our Web site. This became a topic of informal discussion during the weekend, and it became clear that the issue needs attention. Times have changed and we are a much more varied community than we were 20 years ago. Our current description of our membership is no longer comfortable and does not fit; we have grown beyond its bounds, as we have with Danvers Street, and we need to search for a better fit. There was not sufficient time to devote to this topic at the Advance, and so I will convene an ad hoc committee to explore the issue with congregational input and consideration. Theirs will not be an easy task, but one which, as evidenced by the spirit and devotion at the Advance, will yield remarkable results.

The Rights of Gays and Lesbians in Israel

In 1992, the Israeli Knesset, responding to an advocacy campaign by the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, amended the law for Equal Opportunity in the Workplace to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians. Two years later, El Al flight attendant Jonathan Danilowitz made headlines following a landmark case decided in the Israeli Supreme Court against the airline. Citing the 1992 amendment, the Court required El Al to provide the same benefits granted to the partners of heterosexual employees to Jonathan's same-sex partner.

Jonathan will be at CSZ speaking and leading a discussion entitled "The Rights of Gays and Lesbians in Israel vs. the Orthodox" on Sunday, September 7, 7-8:30 pm. This event is being sponsored by the New Israel Fund, which supports the Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, and by the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Don't miss this exciting event!

Baby Chavurah

A group is forming at CSZ for new and expecting parents. If you want to connect with other CSZ members who have children under two years old, please come to our first event on Sunday, September 14, 10:30-noon at CSZ. The kids will have time to play while the adults meet each other and discuss what kind of group they would like to form. A bagel brunch will be provided for those who have teeth!! To RSVP or for more information, call Renée in the office.

La'atid News

Dust off your hiking shoes and get ready to walk. On September 21, La'atid is going hiking. Watch for further details.

Start your new year out on a sweet note by joining La'atid for an Erev Rosh Hashanah picnic dinner in the park. Everyone is welcome to join. We will be meeting at Jefferson Square Park at the corner of Gough and Eddy on October 1 at 6 pm. Following dinner, we will walk to the Unitarian Center for 7:30 services. A vegetarian dinner will be provided at \$6 per person. To reserve a dinner, call Renée in the office.

A Time To Renew Ourselves: A Trip to the Mikvah

It is a traditional custom for Jews to go to the mikvah, a ritual bath, before the High Holidays. We can use the mikvah to spiritually cleanse ourselves of this year's shortcomings in preparation for the new year.

This year CSZ is hosting a two-part program on mikvah on consecutive Sundays, September 28 and October 5, noon-2 pm. Part one will be a vegetarian potluck lunch and study session at CSZ with Rabbi Litman to introduce the historical and feminist context of the mikvah. Part two will be a tour of the San Francisco mikvah, 3355 Sacramento St., at which time women will have an opportunity to immerse in the mikvah if they so choose.

The cost is \$10 for immersion and a small donation is recommended for the tour. RSVP is necessary. Call Renée in the office.

Mazel Tov to CSZ AIDS Walk Team

Twelve CSZ members gathered early on July 20 for a bagel breakfast before stepping off at the 11th annual AIDS walk in Golden Gate Park. For the most part, the CSZ team completed the 10 Kilometer walk together. Congratulations to each walker; together we raised \$2,024 for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and other local AIDS organizations.



Pride Parade celebrants.

Rabbi's Column

The Shamash of Krasilovsky

Shalom. This is a notable occasion, my first *Gaily Forward* column as rabbi of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, a chance to communicate to all of you. Although I have become acquainted with many of you over the past weeks and months, there are members whom I have not yet met. I look forward to meeting all of you as we move through this transitional period together.

Coming to this wonderful congregation reminds me of an Hasidic story which goes something like this:

There was a small shtetl (Jewish village) in Eastern Europe called Krasilovsky. Every morning the shamash (beadle) would walk through the shtetl and wake all the inhabitants—since most Jews then could not afford alarm clocks—in time for morning minyan. The shamash knew his flock very well. At the house of the family with small children, he sang softly to wake them. At the home of the slightly deaf butcher, the shamash pounded loudly. When he came to the side room of the yeshiva (where the students slept), he clapped his hands and called out their names. He tapped on the window of the home of the rich widow and her companion; he went in and woke the pickle seller who slept very soundly. At each house he did something different and appropriate for the dwellers within.

One day the shamash told the townspeople that he wanted to leave to go study in the Holy Land. What could they say? Of course they gave him the best send-off they could, a huge party with a fiddler and everything.

Now they must search for a new shamash. They interview men from throughout the Pale of Settlement, where Jews are forced to live. Finally they pick a new shamash—a thoughtful kind of guy, something of a scholar even, but a

Litvakker, you know the kind of a guy who recites verses of Talmud to put himself to sleep. Why they hired a Litvakker, well who can say?

The first Shabbat morning, the new Litvakker shamash goes about Krasilovsky to wake the people to daven (pray). At the home of the family with small children, he shouts a wake up call. The children are frightened and begin weeping. At the home of the butcher, he knocks on the door. The butcher doesn't hear and oversleeps. He walks right into the room of the yeshiva boys and startles them. They look very red-faced and guilty. I won't even discuss what happened when he went into the house to wake the rich widow and her companion—the less said the better, and they do like him now. The pickle seller heard the commotion and managed to wake up on time.

Soon a crowd of cranky dissatisfied people was gathered in the anteroom of the shul. They turned to the pickle seller who was the senior member of the congregation, a woman of 80 years. "What shall we do about the new shamash?" they demanded. "Well," she replied, "I've seen a lot of shamashes come and go. It always starts like this. Give him a little time." She turned to the yeshiva students, "Study with him a bit so he gets to know you." And to the family with small children, "Have a shabbas dinner with him." And to the butcher, "Go walk with him tomorrow afternoon and tell him about yourself." To everyone she said, "Even our beloved former shamash—may he find true happiness studying in the Holy Land—was new once." And all the people nodded at her wisdom.

Just then the rebbe walked in. "Well," he said, "it looks like we have a minyan. Come let us praise our God."

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Selichot Services

Selichot are a set of petitionary prayers and meditations that help us prepare for the season of T'shuvah, repentance. Traditionally, these services are held late on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah. Begin your high holidays at these special services. Rabbi Litman will lead Selichot Services at Sha'ar Zahav on Saturday, September 27 at 9 pm.

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for the
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Committee!*

A New Siddur for CSZ

—Rena Fischer

One of the first tasks the founders of CSZ undertook was the creation of a Friday night prayerbook. In one form or another, our siddur has been with us since the beginning. For many of us, the CSZ Friday night siddur has become a dear old friend, and for some of us, it is the only siddur we've ever known.

Despite (or perhaps because of) its significance to our CSZ community, our siddur was always intended to be an evolving part of our uniquely progressive liturgy. As the introduction on the first page of the siddur says:

"We see this effort as one step in the process of redefining our Jewish identity, and we hope that it may serve the same purpose for others, both straight and gay, who are involved in the same struggle. We encourage all of you to share your comments, ideas and questions about this prayerbook with us. All proposals and material submitted will be considered for inclusion in future revisions of this work."

The Friday Night Siddur Committee has been formed to take the next step. In re-reading the introduction to the CSZ siddur, we realize again what an immense and revolutionary accomplishment our prayerbook is. Not so long ago, it was impossible to find a prayerbook that acknowledged the existence and experience of lesbian and gay Jews, that favored inclusive language in prayer, and that referred to God, at least in our English prayers, only in gender-neutral terms. Our prayerbook seeks to include all of us and facilitate our dialogue with the Source of all the wonders around us and the infinite capacities within us.

The Siddur Committee will continue the process of creating authentic, tradition-informed Jewish liturgy that speaks to us as both Jews and queer people. We hope to realize our vision of a siddur that strives for still greater inclusiveness, one that recognizes the many varied facets of our community and our lives.

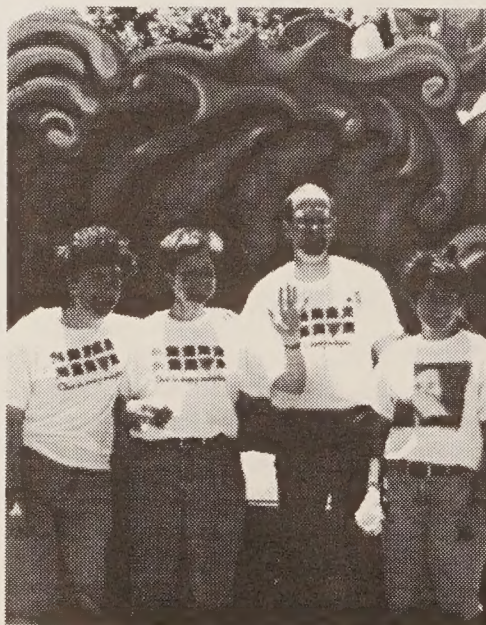
The Siddur Committee is seeking input from the congregation in a number of ways. We invite anyone who is interested to join the committee and work with us; there are no prerequisites, and no knowledge of Hebrew or liturgy is required. Everyone is welcome.

This month's *Forward* includes a survey, which will also be available at Friday night services, to solicit your opinions about our current prayerbook and your ideas about changes you would like to see in the next edition of the siddur. We invite your comments about the existing siddur at any time and greatly appreciate suggestions for the new siddur, including any readings you think might be appropriate for in-

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From Exile to Freedom: Pride 1997

Sha'ar Zahav made a splash in this year's San Francisco gay pride parade with our "Parting of the Red Sea" float. About 50 CSZ folks adorned with rainbow-colored Jewish stars and colorful hair paint, danced and cheered behind a fabulously decorated float that carried the musicians of *Gay iz Mir* (CSZ's own klezmer band). Their festive music kept everyone in a spirited mood. Joining CSZ in the parade this year were contingents from Congregation Sherith Israel, Jewish Family and Children's Services, and, for the second year in a row, Congregation Beth Shalom's Chicken Soups. Walking together with other Jewish agencies brought new energy and a sense of Jewish solidarity to the parade. Our wonderful float and day at the parade were the result of the hard work put in by many CSZ volunteers. A special thanks goes to the Pride Planning Committee: Jeff Rubin, Dev Felder Noily and Beth Sousa.



Pride Parade celebrants.

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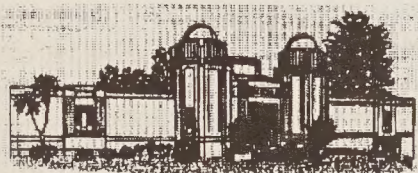
—Richard Inlander

Sunday, October 5, at 10 am, we will conduct the annual visit to our congregational cemetery at Hills of Eternity in Colma. It is Jewish custom to visit the cemetery during the High Holidays; at CSZ, we pay our respects to the deceased on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Our visit entails a very brief, intimate service in which we read the names of our deceased members and have an opportunity to recall all our loved ones who have died.

The service will be followed by a light picnic breakfast provided by the Cemetery Committee. We will conclude by approximately 11 am.

For more information, please contact the Cemetery Committee chair, Richard Inlander at 821-4134 or rpinlander@worldnet.att.net.



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Lesbian Mothers Parenting Group

Parents Place, a program of Jewish Family and Children's Services, will hold a four week parenting group for lesbian mothers, on Wednesdays, October 8-29, from 7-8:30 pm, 3273 California Street. Topics include family roles, parenting styles, relationships with the child's teachers and other significant adults and answering children's questions. The group is facilitated by Pnina Tobin. The cost is \$60 per person, \$80 per couple. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Child care is available at \$5 per child per session and reservations must be made in advance. To register or for more information, call 563-1041.

T'shuvah — As Above, So Below

—Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

Why are the first days of the Jewish year days of both joy and awe? Maybe it's because we aren't the only ones either rejoicing or repenting. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin suggests that God also does t'shuvah, wondering whether the act of creation was truly good. Was it fair of God to let humans create their own social and moral worlds, however chaotic or oppressive? Maybe God wonders, "Is it My fault they can't find their way to truth? Have I pulled too far away, hidden Myself too well?"

Like all midrash, this story is speculative fiction. But like all midrash about God, it concerns a basic principle: T'shuvah, our task during the first days of each Jewish year, is not only our tradition but a universal necessity. According to an older midrash, t'shuvah was created before the world, because humans couldn't survive without a way to break the circle of hurt, blame and revenge. This story about God is meant to guide us, made in God's image.

T'shuvah means turning — turning away from the worst in ourselves and towards the best in each other. But how is this done? Rabbi Riskin's midrash shows that t'shuvah isn't a matter of simply resolving to do better, but of examining both acts and motives. Not even God can change without understanding: which desires to act on and which to let languish, which plans, if carried out, will lead to good.

This kind of psychological analysis is an old Jewish practice. Our tradition acknowledges the difficulties involved. The consciousness of doing wrong is painful; the temptation to blame ourselves can lead as quickly to despair as the urge to blame others can excuse avoiding change. Successful t'shuvah requires more than willingness. It requires staying focused on both current practice and desired result.

In his guide to t'shuvah, Rav Kook wrote that one doesn't simply turn away from bad behaviors. Instead, one has to identify those sins which can be turned toward better purposes; in chassidic terms, the sparks must be freed from their shells.

Rav Kook wrote, "Penitence is always present in the heart. At the very time of sin, penitence is hidden in the soul.... When the righteous perform acts

of penance, they reveal the holy light that they find in the dark and broken-down alleyways of their own lives. The strategies they devise for themselves rise out of depression and despair into the bright light of holiness and ... become great lights to illumine the world."

Rav Soloveichik clarified the process, writing that t'shuvah doesn't mean rejecting the past, but learning from it: every error, however terrible its consequences, possesses an energy capable of better expression. For instance, envy of other people's achievements can become aspiration to develop one's own abilities; jealousy of other people's possessions or privileges can become a passion for social justice; uncontrolled lust contains an enthusiasm for life that can be expressed in honest and respectful relationships.

Rabbi Riskin adds that t'shuvah rewrites the book of life; it can change what once seemed inevitable. As we are called on to question ourselves, so, according to Rabbi Riskin, is God. The idea of a self-doubting God, who wants to salvage the best from flawed acts, is far removed from the common conception of a despotic judge sternly decreeing life and death.

Our liturgy hints at this alternate interpretation. The 13 attributes that we recite in front of the Ark on Yom Kippur are "compassionate, gracious, long-suffering...." The list ends with the Hebrew word *nakeh* — "erases." The Torah's full text, however, reads *nakeh lo nakeh* — "erases doesn't erase." That is, God accepts atonement but does not erase the memory of the wrong. Erasing a sin means erasing the good that can be salvaged from it.

A self-questioning God is a paradoxically humble Almighty, a compassionate God who is moved to forgive. May we, too, be willing, thoughtful and hopeful enough to question ourselves and make mutual amends during these days of joy and awe.

Members' Yahrzeits

1	John Golebowski
15	David Pierce
18	Penny Dachinger
19	Gershon Lieberman
25	Jeffrey Lewis Cohen
27	Drew Siegel

Children's Education Board

Minutes of 8/4/97

Present: CEB members Ruth Rainero (chair) and Ron Lezell, Rabbi Martha Bergadine (Director of Education), Liz Schaffer and Dan Bellm. **Absent:** Howard Herman, Rena Frantz, Kim Klausner, Byron Sigal, David Gellman and Mary Morgan.

Rabbi Bergadine delivered a d'var torah in which she mentioned the value of repetition in teaching, as Moses did in speaking to the Israelites.

1. The minutes of the June 2 CEB meeting were approved.

2. Curriculum Development Status—Rabbi Bergadine distributed a curriculum blueprint for each class, except b'nai mitzvah (to be compiled with input from Rabbi Litman and Phyllis Mintzer). The blueprints will be included in the Kadimah brochure. All class textbooks contain limitations regarding the presentation of family. Therefore, class discussions will challenge the materials. Tzedakah will be a component of each class. Questions came up about possible parental learning of Hebrew along with child. To be discussed later, noting that five family

education days are scheduled.

3. Registration—Approximately 24 students to date; expecting 44-50.

4. Staffing—All teachers but Nitzanim are in place (this position is near finalization). Teacher orientation will be August 23, to include Rabbi Litman.

5. Calendar—Is in place. September 6 opening will include group meeting with parents. Discussion to include expectations regarding attendance, materials, timeliness, etc.

6. Congregation Emanu-El—Rabbi Bergadine and Ruth visited the site. The entire fifth floor will be ours (six classrooms and a multi-purpose room). During the school year, students will make appropriate thank yous to Emanu-El for their generosity.

7. Communications—Rabbi Bergadine will send out a monthly "newsletter" to all parents and write a monthly column for the *Forward*. Please provide Rabbi Bergadine or Ruth with your e-mail address, if any.

8. Scholarship requests—Rabbi Bergadine and the Dues Committee will be responsible for these.

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Kadimah News

The Kadimah staff and the Children's Education Board are looking forward to a busy, exciting 1997-1998 religious school year. This year our Nitzanim students will explore Jewish holidays and the synagogue, and our Chalutzim students will experience the songs, stories, food and art of Jewish communities throughout the world. The Chaverim class will be busy learning about and doing tzedakah and acts of gemillut chasidim, while Rishonim students will become acquainted with Jewish heroes throughout history and then explore their personal Jewish history through the Family History Video Project. In-depth study of their Torah portions will occupy the B'nai Mitzvah students, and they will also get the chance to explore Jewish identity by joining other Bay Area Jewish youth at a meeting with author Chaim Potok.

We'll also celebrate together at class Shabbat dinners. Our first Shabbat dinner will be held on September 19 for Chaverim and Rishonim families. Nitzanim and Chalutzim families will welcome Shabbat together on September 26. B'nai Mitzvah families will share Shabbat dinner on October 17.

With the enthusiasm of the Kadimah staff, the generosity of Congregation Emanu-El, and the support of parents, the Children's Education Board, Rabbi Litman and the congregation as a whole, we are looking forward to an exciting year. We can also use your help. If you have a special talent to contribute, a skill to teach or story to tell, the Kadimah students could benefit from your visit.

There is another very special way to share yourself: become a tutor for a Rishonim or B'nai Mitzvah student. In order to be a tutor you must have reading knowledge of the liturgy, and most important, you must be willing to make a commitment to working with an individual student. As a B'nai Mitzvah tutor you will play a crucial role in preparing a student for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and you will develop a significant relationship with a young person at a key time in her/his life. It is an ongoing commitment, and the rewards for you and the student will be great.

If you are interested in sharing your talent with Kadimah or in becoming a B'nai Mitzvah tutor, please contact Rabbi Bergadine at the synagogue office.

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Mishkan Dolores: Financial Updates

—Ellie Cohen

The Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign to purchase and renovate our new synagogue has been a great success to date. Pledges and donations total \$1,192,342 as of early August, or 92% of our \$1.3 million goal! We are now just \$108,000 short—and we'll need every penny of that.

The exciting renovation of our new Mishkan at 16th and Dolores is starting to move ahead—an upstairs sanctuary fully remodeled with a raised roof and lots of natural light, new multipurpose rooms, expanded Kadimah space and new office space to accommodate our growing, thriving congregation.

In order for us to fulfill our dream, we need every member who can to contribute. There are still some of you with whom we have left messages and have not heard back. Perhaps some of you have not been contacted due to an oversight on our part and we apologize for that. We are asking every member to make a pledge that in many cases is much more money than many of us have ever donated before. It is because of this extraordinary commitment of our community—the willingness to stretch—that our campaign has worked to date.

If you haven't yet, please take time to make your pledge today and be part of this historic next step for CSZ. Remember, pledges can be paid out over five years, in monthly, quarterly or annual installments. If you have pledged already and are in position to consider giving more, please let us know. Give us a call at the synagogue office to talk with a representative of the Mishkan Dolores Capital Campaign Committee.

As we've mentioned before, over \$50,000 of the total pledged to date has come from friends, family members and community supporters. We encourage you to reach out and invite others to donate to our effort. Every dollar really does add up! If you would like brochures, pledge forms and return envelopes to mail to family and friends, please call the office.

Congratulations and thanks to Steve Elman on celebrating his 50th birthday and to Jon Funk on celebrating his 40th. Both Steve and Jon requested that contributions in honor of their milestone

birthdays be directed to the Mishkan Dolores Campaign.

Thanks again to everyone who has already donated or pledged money and/or time!

Raffle a Success

—Jeff Forman

The raffle to benefit Mishkan Dolores raised \$16,750. The drawing was held on July 19 at the "Trailers Shmailers" benefit film party, which was put together single-handedly by Sarita Groisser.

Prizes were a classic Mercedes, donated by the estate of Ron Wilmot (z"l), two round-trip tickets to Israel, donated by Susan Tubbesing and Mark Vogel, two round-trip tickets to Dusseldorf, donated by Abby Lyons and Nancy Silverod, and cufflinks by Sidney Mobell. Because of the generosity of the donors, the only expenses were the printing and mailing costs of the tickets.

Many thanks to the volunteers. Committee members were Liz Schaffer, Jeff Rubin and Sarah Goodman, and chair Jeff Forman. Tickets were sold in the Castro area by Jeff Rubin, Eloise Magenheim, Mark Mackler, Geoff Benjamin, Michael Chertok, Michael Shaps and Jeff Sherman. Thanks to all CSZ members who sold tickets to friends and family to make this effort such a success.

Donating Stocks—Tax Free!

If you sell appreciated securities this year, you may have to pay a significant percentage of your appreciation in taxes. If you contribute these securities to CSZ, the full value of the gift will be preserved and will help us buy our new Mishkan Dolores. You should not need to pay capital gains taxes and you will obtain an income tax deduction on the appreciated value of the securities.

Here's an example: Deborah and David are twins, each of whom wants to make a contribution to CSZ's New Building Fund. Each plans to donate \$10,000. Each also owns \$10,000 worth of stock in ABC, Inc., which each bought for just \$2,000 several years ago.

David sells his stock and donates the \$10,000 cash. He gets a charitable deduction, but must report his \$8,000 capital gain on the stock to the IRS. Deborah donates the stock directly to CSZ. She simply calls a discount broker, authorizes the transfer of funds, sends a copy of the authorization to CSZ and the broker transfers it to the CSZ account. She gets the same \$10,000 deduction and avoids any tax on the capital gains. CSZ is just as happy to receive the stock, which it will immediately sell for its \$10,000 value to put towards the purchase and renovation of the new building.

If your employer offers matching funds, you may be able to increase the value of your contribution even more.

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- **Alternative Families:**

Tiela Chalmers, Eileen Levy,
Ron Lezell and others

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Rabbi Litman

- **Spirituality and Daily Life:**

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Onegs and Break Fast

Please join us for an oneg after Erev Rosh Hashanah services at the Unitarian Center. In place of an oneg after Rosh Hashanah daytime services, bring a bag lunch and join us at Fort Point for a Seudat Mitzvah picnic before Tashlich. Maps will be available at the Unitarian Center.

Services at CSZ on the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be followed by an oneg. There will be a large "break fast" at the Unitarian Center after Neilah, the concluding service on Yom Kippur.

AIDS Food Drive

One of the reasons we fast on Yom Kippur is to remind ourselves of the hunger of those in need. As we have for the past eight years, CSZ will collect nonperishable food for Project Open Hand at Kol Nidre and through noon on Yom Kippur. Please bring a bag of food items as part of your Yom Kippur observance.

Children's Services

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, there will be two sets of services for our younger members.

Preschool services for children age five and under will be held on the first day of

Rosh Hashanah, October 2, at 10 am and on Yom Kippur day, October 11, at 10 am. The services will be led by Rabbi Bergadine and will be about 30 minutes long. Parents should pick their children up afterward or return them to child care; parents are also encouraged to attend the services with their children if they wish. Please note that children must be pre-registered for child care (see below).

Junior Congregation services for kids aged seven to 12 will be held on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre at 7:30 pm, and on Rosh Hashanah day and Yom Kippur day at 10:45 am. These services will be about an hour long and will be led by older students and Rabbi Bergadine. At the conclusion of Junior Congregation evening services, kids will be brought to the main sanctuary and returned to their parents' care.

On Rosh Hashanah day and Yom Kippur day after the Junior Congregation services, children aged seven to 12 may participate in CSZ's High Holiday *Chug* until about 12:30 pm. Together we'll continue our celebration with art, stories and discussion. Children must be pre-registered for High Holiday *Chug* to make sure we have adequate staff and materials. There is a \$5 materials fee for each session of High Holiday *Chug*. Par-

ents who choose not to register their children for High Holiday *Chug* will have the children returned to their care for the rest of the main service.

Please contact Rabbi Bergadine if you have any questions about children's services.

For safety's sake, children must be in child care, High Holiday *Chug* or their parents' care when not in Preschool or Junior Congregation services. There will be a security guard at the Unitarian Center to ensure that children do not go unsupervised.

Child Care

Child care reservation forms were mailed out in August. Child care is available for all evening and daytime services at the Unitarian Center. Advance prepaid reservations are required to ensure that we have enough child care workers and to avoid overcrowding. Remember that Yom Kippur is on a Saturday this year, and please plan accordingly. Child care is not provided to children without prepaid reservations, and there are no play areas outside of child care. The cost is \$12 per child per service for members and \$16 per child per service for non-members. We do not want to turn anyone away, but we will not have extra child care workers.

Child care is not available for infants who cannot yet sit up by themselves. The back rows of the main sanctuary and the back rows of the additional seating areas are reserved for people with small children. Families with infants are welcome to sit there to make it easier to do the baby-bouncing walk to the lobby.

Begin the Year with a Mitzvah

There are many volunteer opportunities during the High Holidays. To find out how you can help, please call Lea or Amy at the CSZ office.

Toddler/Preschooler Shabbat Service

September's Tot Shabbat is scheduled for September 19 at 6:45 pm in the CSZ library. All kids who are pre-Kadimah age are encouraged to attend with their families.

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June Va'ad Minutes

—Lyssa Friedman, Acting Recorder

The Va'ad met June 9. Rabbi Bergadine gave the d'var torah, comparing the procedural details outlined in Naso with the procedural details necessary to build our new holy space. She also noted that the priests rather than God were assigned the priestly benediction, because people are instructed to act in partnership with God; we, too, in building our holy space, act in partnership with God.

Our financial statements reflect the facts that dues receipts are above expectations and Mishkan Dolores fundraising is approaching its goal.

Permits and loans have been approved for Mishkan Dolores, and escrow closed June 26. A farewell party to the old building and a dedication of the new are being planned.

A Rabbi Liaison Committee has been established.

The Va'ad acknowledges: Batya Kalis and Rose Katz, outgoing newsletter coordinators, for their contributions [*ed. note: this is an error; Rose has not stepped down*]; Claire Rappaport, outgoing Adult Education chair, for her hard work; members of the Rabbi Search Committee, for their labors; and David Stein, Tiela Chalmers, Judith Cohen, Leah Wolf and Ed Lopatin, outgoing Va'ad officers and members, for their service.

E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:
shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

Naches

To **Melissa and Ari Grossman-Naples**, on the birth of their son, Doron Leonardo Grossman-Naples.

To **Lisa Katz and Sharon Heath**, on the arrival of Miriam Zoë Katz.

To **Ellen Scott**, on finishing her doctorate in sociology and on her appointment to a tenure track position at Kent State University.

To **Simon Glinsky**, on the birth of his first nephew, Shlomo Menachem Mendel Glinsky, born to George and Pam Glinsky.

To **Jonathan Pannor**, on his new psychotherapy practice.

To **Emma Garay Buchbinder** and her soccer team, the S.F. Vikings 13 & Under Girls, for winning 2nd place in the USA Cup Soccer Tournament.

To **Byron Sigal**, on retiring from UC and embarking on a new career as a real estate agent with Century 21 Hartford.

To **Rabbi Yoel Kahn**, on his appointment as Director of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation at Stanford University.

To **Robert Tat**, on sponsoring his first fine art gallery exhibition, the photographs of Reid Yalom at Sightings Gallery, 435 Bryant Street, through November 1.

To **Adam Inlander**, on his certification as a Jewish Communal Worker, by Hebrew Union College.

To **Rabbi Jane Litman**, on receiving the Jewish Women's Caucus' Scholarship Award of the Association of Women in Psychology, for co-editing with Deborah Orenstein *Lifecycles Volume II: Jewish Women on Biblical Themes in Contemporary Life*.

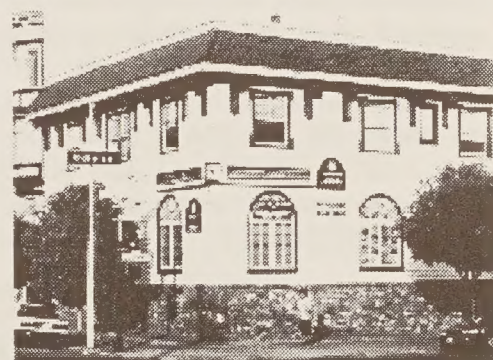
Mishkan Dolores: New Building Making Progress!

—Tiela Chalmers

The renovations on our new building are making good progress. Having become the proud owners of 290 Dolores Street in June, we are now in the process of working with the city to get permits for demolition and construction. We hope to begin demolition around September 1 and will begin accepting bids from subcontractors in the middle of September. Stay tuned for word of work parties; we will be counting on volunteers to help us keep costs down. We expect that construction will continue through May of next year.

Our plans for interim housing are still being worked out. Most committees will meet in people's homes in the interim. We are working hard on finalizing interim worship and office space and will let you know as soon as we do. While we know that it will be difficult to get used to a new space, we will make every effort to make it feel "Sha'ar Zahav-like."

If you are interested in helping out, whether in renovations, moving logistics or celebrations, call Tiela at 386-6738. We are looking forward to a new year filled with challenges, change, excitement and renewal!



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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Rimma Ashkinadze

Valerie Curtis & Yavn'ela Oline

Kenneth Carroll

Prudence Carter

Alan Ferrara

Lisa Hamburger

Sandra Lofchie

Terry Rose

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Gift Shop Clearance Sale

—Jeffrey Lilly

In an effort to cut down our inventory before moving, the Gift Shop committee has decided to put most items on sale. Sale prices range from 20% to 50% off.

As we are not sure of the status of the gift shop around Chanukah, members are encouraged to shop now for their Chanukah needs. As the High Holidays approach, such items as holiday cards and talitot will be made available.

A t-shirt to benefit the AIDS fund is on sale for \$12. The One in Every Minyan t-shirts (\$18) and the AIDS awareness pins (\$10) are on sale to benefit Mishkan Dolores.

Vote in the World Zionist Elections

Ballots for the World Zionist elections are being sent to all who registered earlier this year. ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, encourages you to vote for the "Reform Movement, Slate 3." This vote will allow the Reform movement to send as many delegates as possible to the World Zionist Congress to voice support for religious pluralism in Israel. If you have any questions, please call CSZ's ARZA representative, Ron Lezell at 626-5748.

Oneg Sponsors

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in recent months:

- 7/4 **Steve Elman**, in celebration of his 50th birthday. Thanks also to **Susan Unger** for sponsoring the beautiful flowers on the bimah in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Funk.
- 7/11 **Ellen Lewin and Liz Goodman**, in honor of Ellen's new position as tenured Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Anthropology at the University of Iowa.
- 7/18 **Anonymous**, in honor of Beth Sousa, Renée Bauer, Gay Iz Mir and all of the Pride volunteers.
- 7/25 **Dan Halpern**, in memory of Sara Halpern.
- 8/15 **Bob Gutterman**, in honor of Paul Cohen's 50th birthday.
- 8/29 **Prudence Carter**, in memory of Sheryl Brooks.

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Birthdays

- 1 Lizabeth Goodman
- 1 Lorraine Locke-Nacamulli
- 2 Jeff Friedman
- 2 Simma Lieberman
- 2 Dona Rabinowitz
- 3 Nancy Halloran
- 3 David Israels
- 5 Karren Shorofsky
- 7 Alvin Baum
- 7 Richard Brand
- 8 Ray Feinstein Cagan
- 8 Ellen Press
- 9 Jeremy Hoffman
- 9 Ed Lopatin
- 9 Mark Weisman
- 10 Aaron Bekker-Dulmage
- 10 Valerie Curtis
- 10 Sandy O'Neill
- 12 Nicole Bloom
- 12 Robin Leonard
- 13 Eva Galanes Rosenbaum
- 13 Paul Margolis
- 13 Bill Snow
- 15 Mark Oliver
- 17 Arlene Elster
- 17 Rachel Mailman
- 19 Lisa Hamburger
- 19 Sophia Klain-Chavez
- 19 Robert Tat
- 20 Elizabeth Katz
- 20 Mark Klaiman
- 21 Steven Cronenwalt
- 21 Claire Hoch-Frohman
- 22 Raena Frohlich
- 22 Roslyn Fuerman
- 22 Marin Sanders-Holzman
- 23 Marianne Ades
- 26 Jeff Forman
- 27 Sharma Lynn Gaponoff
- 28 John Atteridg
- 28 Arthur Cohen
- 28 James Frazin
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- 28 Alex Pekka Hall
- 28 Daphne Stuart
- 29 Simon Glinsky
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Children's Education Fund

Allan Gold and Alan Ferrara, in honor of Marilyn O'Keeffe's birthday.
Ron Lezell, in honor of Jonathan Funk's 40th birthday.
Ron Lezell, in honor of Steve Elman's 50th birthday.
Ron Lezell, in honor of Alex Ingersoll.
Ari and Melissa Grossman-Naples, in honor of the birth of Doron Leonardo Grossman-Naples.
Susan Schwartz and Juliette Schlesinger, in honor of Iris Fierer.
Ron Lezell, in honor of Ora Prochovnick's 40th Birthday.
David Stein and Alex Ingersoll, in honor of Emma Garay Buchbinder's becoming bat mitzvah.
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James Carlson, in honor of Pearl Funk's birthday.

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Richard Inlander, in honor of Jack Darr's appointment as principal attorney at the First District Court of Appeals.

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Rabbi's Column

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I look forward to getting to know each of you, and becoming less and less "the new shamash." There are number of opportunities in the coming month. Please join me for a study series in preparation for the High Holy Days (see page 1). We are also planning a visit to the mikvah (see page 3). The rabbinic liaison committee is arranging a number of informal get-togethers at members' homes (call the synagogue office for details), and of course I'd be delighted to meet with you personally. I will be at Shabbat services and urge you to join the congregation and me so that we, like the inhabitants of Krasilovsky, can come together to praise our God.

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Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Mike Rankin, on the death of his friend, Mark Bauer.

Jeff Friedman, on the death of his friend, Sky Evergreen.

Greer Hauptman and Trudi Hauptman, on the death of Beverly Chamoff, aunt of Greer and sister-in-law of Trudi.

Rachael MacLachlan and Terry Rose, on the death of their friend, Steve Coulam.

Amy Scharf, on the death of her father, William Scharf.

Henry Mach, on the death of his mother, Florence Machtay.

Karen Fierer and Mischa Singer-Fierer, on the death of Karen's mother and Mischa's grandmother, Iris Fierer.

Donating Stocks

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We are still \$100,000 short of our capital campaign goal and we'll need even more to complete renovations. If you have already made a donation to the CSZ New Building Fund and would consider increasing it by donating appreciated stock (or if you haven't pledged yet and would consider donating stock), please feel free to call CSZ's treasurer, Arthur Slepian at 452-9143 or Ron Lezell at 626-5748. Stocks should be transferred to the Charles Schwab CSZ account (2450-7213).

[Note: CSZ is not in the tax consulting business. Please consult a tax advisor for complete information.]

Children's Education

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9. Mishkan Dolores—Children's involvement, including the tile project, to be revisited. The sense is that this is desirable; Rabbi Bergadine will discuss with Rena. Also suggested: During Kadi-mah Shabbat dinner, children make rubbings of memorial boards to put up in our temporary worship space.

10. Next meetings: September 8, 7 pm at CSZ (note time and date change), October 6, 7 pm at CSZ (note time change), November 3, 7 pm and December 1, 7 pm.

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Anniversaries

- 1 Debra Chasnoff & Kim Klausner
- 1 Jeffrey Rubin & Frank Bush
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- 29 Shelley Eisenman & Julie Moed
- 30 Susan Unger & Pam Erwin

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Adult Education

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man are just the first of our adult education offerings this year. We will be offering an Advanced Hebrew class, Beginning and Advanced Trope (Torah cantillation) classes, and further opportunities to study with Rabbi Litman. Creative classes in textile arts, ethical wills and cooking, and the appearance of several guest speakers are also in the planning stages.

One challenge in planning adult education for this transitional year is finding space in which to hold our classes. It is possible that both the type of offerings and the number of participants accommodated in a given class will be affected by the availability of space. We are hoping to find congregants who are willing to offer space for classes. This could be a conference room at your business, your den or even your kitchen. The time commitment would vary with the class and might range from one or two to eight class sessions. If you would be willing to host a class, have an idea about a space that might be available or have any ideas or questions regarding adult education at CSZ, please contact Rabbi Bergadine at the synagogue office.

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am
to 3 pm (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a
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tal or at home, and would like to have a
member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee
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Services are held every Friday evening
beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted),
with an Oneg Shabbat following services.

Services are generally held on the second
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HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for
members living with HIV/AIDS and
their families and partners on the third
Saturday of every month, in addition to
quarterly Shabbat dinners at the homes
of members. Mark your calendars for
the next event.

Saturday, September 20 at 3 pm: Sup-
port Group at CSZ, facilitated by Rob
Tat.

If you have any questions or would
like to put your name on our confiden-
tial mailing list, please call the office.

Join us.

New Siddur

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clusion. (Please include the author's
name and publication information with
all readings submitted.)

Over the next year, as the revised sid-
dur begins to take shape, we will hold
open meetings to get feedback on our
progress. Members of the congregation
will have a number of opportunities to
review our work and let us know what
you think before anything is sent to the
printer.

If you would like to work with the
committee, or submit comments or read-
ings, simply return the Siddur Survey
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Labor Day
• Office closed

2 Tuesday 30 Av

• 6:30 pm, Dues Committee

3 Wednesday 1 Elul

4 Thursday 2 Elul

5 Friday 3 Elul

• 7:15 pm, Candle lighting
• 7 pm, Early Shabbat service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service:
Shoftim led by Lyssa
Friedman and Sarita Groisser

6 Saturday 4 Elul

• 9:30 am, Kadimah Opening
Day: All Parent Meeting

7 Sunday 5 Elul

• 2 pm, High Holiday Ensemble
rehearsal
• 7 pm, Jonathan Danilowitz
speaks at CSZ

8 Monday 6 Elul

• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting
• 7 pm, Children's Education
Board meeting

9 Tuesday 7 Elul

• 8 pm, Rabbi Litman's High
Holiday class

10 Wednesday 8 Elul

• 7 pm, Architecture & Design
Committee
• 7 pm, Newsletter Editing
meeting

11 Thursday 9 Elul

12 Friday 10 Elul

• 7:04 pm, Candle lighting
• 7:15 pm, Niggun service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Ki
Tetze led by Eileen Levy and
Larry Wexler, sermon by
Rabbi Litman

13 Saturday 11 Elul

• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 10 am, Shabbat service: led
by Brian Besser

14 Sunday 12 Elul

• 10:30 am, Baby Chavurah
• 4 pm, High Holiday Ensemble
rehearsal

15 Monday 13 Elul

• 6 pm, Healing Service
• 7 pm, Membership
Committee
• 7 pm, Newsletter proofread/
layout meeting

16 Tuesday 14 Elul

• 8 pm, Rabbi Litman's High
Holiday class

17 Wednesday 15 Elul

• 7 pm, La'atid planning
meeting

18 Thursday 16 Elul

• 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting

19 Friday 17 Elul

• 6:53 pm, Candle lighting
• 6 pm, Shabbat dinner:
Chaverim/Rishonim families
• 6:45 pm, Tot Shabbat service
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Ki
Tavo led by Patricia Lin and
Mike Rankin
• 8:15 pm, East Bay service

20 Saturday 18 Elul

• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 3 pm, HIV Support Group

21 Sunday 19 Elul

• 4 pm, High Holiday Ensemble
rehearsal
• La'atid hike

22 Monday 20 Elul

23 Tuesday 21 Elul

• 8 pm, Rabbi Litman's High
Holiday class

24 Wednesday 22 Elul

• 7 pm, Architecture and
Design Committee

25 Thursday 23 Elul

• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
• 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

26 Friday 24 Elul

• 6:42 pm, Candle lighting
• 6 pm, Shabbat dinner:
Nitzanim/Chalutzim families
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service:
Nitzavim/Va-Yelekh led by
Rabbi Litman and Steve Weitz

27 Saturday 25 Elul

• 9:30 am, Kadimah
• 9 pm, Selichot service

28 Sunday 26 Elul

• 12 noon, Mikvah visit, 3355
Sacramento St.
• 4 pm, High Holiday Ensemble
rehearsal

29 Monday 27 Elul

30 Tuesday 28 Elul

OCTOBER

1 Wednesday 29 Elul

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at sundown

• Office closes early
• 6 pm, La'atid dinner,
Jefferson Square Park, Gough
and Eddy
• 7:30 pm, Erev Rosh
Hashanah at Unitarian Center

2 Thursday 1 Tishri

• Office closed
• 9:30 am, Rosh Hashanah at
Unitarian Center

3 Friday 2 Tishri

• 9:30 am, Second Day Rosh
Hashanah at CSZ
• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service at
CSZ

4 Saturday 3 Tishri

• 9:30 am, Kadimah

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